



**Mersey and West Lancashire
Teaching Hospitals**
NHS Trust

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Subject: Cardiac catheterisation procedures

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Regarding cardiac catheterisation laboratories and their utilization

Site at which located e.g. hospital name	Contains a Cath Lab (Yes/No)	Performs catheter-based valve replacements (Yes/No)	Number of days per week are catheter-based valve interventions within the cath lab	Any additional data you hold regarding utilisation of these facilities (e.g. number of sessions scheduled per week, or average percentage utilisation).
WHISTON	YES	NO	NONE	7 SESSIONS PER WEEK

2. Regarding theatres used for cardiac surgery

Site at which located e.g. hospital name	The number of theatres currently in operation	The number of theatres used for Cardiac surgery
NONE	0	0

3. Regarding procedures

What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures (e.g. TAVI or TEER) performed in cardiac Catheterisation laboratories during the most recent full financial or calendar year for which you hold data. **0**

What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures e.g. (sAVR or Bentall procedures) performed in cardiac theatres during the same period. **0**

4. Regarding workforce and future planning

What is the number of officially approved headcounts for the cardiology and cardiac surgery departments. **In our trust there are 16 consultant cardiologists (distributed into 2 sites, 12 in STHK and 4 in S&O), one speciality doctor, one nurse consultant, 11 specialist cardiac nurses, 4 cath lab nurses, and one cath lab radiographer. 7 Physiologists for the Cath Lab and 10 Sonographers.**

Are there any plans for investment over the next three years in:

- Structural developments (e.g. new cath labs or theatres) **New Cath Lab equipment**
- Personnel (e.g. healthcare professionals, nurses, or support staff) **No**

How does your organisation define its catchment area and the estimated size of the population served.

Large catchment area including Whiston, Prescot, St Helen's, Knowsley, parts of Liverpool, Southport and Ormskirk; around 650k.

- **The primary catchment areas for Whiston and St Helens Hospitals include St Helens, Knowsley, Halton, and Sefton. They also serve patients from neighbouring areas like Warrington and Wigan. Additionally, Whiston Hospital houses the Mersey Regional Burns and Plastic Surgery Unit, which provides care for a much larger population across Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales, the Isle of Man, and other parts of the Northwest.**

- **Core service area:** The main population served by both hospitals is approximately 650,000 people from St Helens, Knowsley, Halton, and Sefton.